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TAGS: CASE (HESTER, THOY AND SUNEE)  
REF: STATE 059782

1. MR. PHOMA BOODIMEE, UNCLE OF SGT. HESTER'S WIFE SUNNAN, INFORMED CONREP DURING VISIT TO PHEU VILLAGE, UDORN THANI PROVINCE, APRIL 1, THAT MRS. HESTER DIED AT RELATIVES' HOME IN VILLAGE ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 13, APPARENTLY OF ACUTE MALARIA. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, MRS. HESTER'S RELATIVES, ASSISTED BY BUDDHIST MONKS, CREMATED MRS. HESTER'S REMAINS SHORTLY THEREAFTER IN A CEREMONY HELD ON OUTSKIRTS OF BAN PHEU.

2. MRS. HESTER'S AMCIT CHILDREN THOY (4 YEARS) AND SUNEE (2 YEARS) ARE NOW LIVING WITH HER PARENTS AT MUU 13, NON THAT VILLAGE, BAKHO TOWNSHIP, KUTCHAP DISTRICT, UDORN THANI PROVINCE, WHERE MRS. HESTER AND HER PARENTS MOVED IN LATE 1976. CONREP REPORTS THAT CHILDREN APPEAR HEALTHY AND ARE RECEIVING PROPER SUPERVISION. HOWEVER, LATE MRS. HESTER'S PARENTS APPEAR TO BE VERY POOR AND PROBABLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE MORE THAN MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO CHILDREN. SCHOOL IN NON THAT VILLAGE, WHICH IS LOCATED IN REMOTE RURAL AREA, TEACHES ONLY FIRST 4 GRADES.

3. IF SGT HESTER INTERESTED IN HAVING HIS CHILDREN JOIN HIM IN U.S., REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASK HIM TO CONTACT CONSULATE UDORN DIRECTLY REGARDING CHILDREN'S DOCUMENTATION. WE WILL ALSO BE HAPPY  
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TO FORWARD TO SGT. HESTER, IF DESIRED, HIS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND FAMILY PHOTO.  
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